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RVN RADIO: CEASE-FIRE WILL BE SAIGON VICTORY, COMMUNIST DEFEAT

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(EXCERPTS) FOLLOWING PRESIDENT THIEU'S TALK ON THE EVENING OF 24 OCTOBER OVER THE NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORKS, THE PEOPLE IN BOTH PARTS OF VIETNAM AND PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE EXPECTING A CEASE-FIRE, WHICH MAY BE REALIZED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, BASING ITSELF ON RVN PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU'S TALK, PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME AND ABROAD NOW CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND TRUE NATURE OF THIS CEASE-FIRE.

LET US FIRST TALK ABOUT ITS SIGNIFICANCE. IF A CEASE-FIRE TAKES PLACE IT WILL BE A FAILURE FOR THE COMMUNISTS AND A SUCCESS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE. FOR 16 YEARS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE FOSTERED A WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM. NEARLY 5 YEARS AGO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS LAUNCHED THE MAU THAN GENERAL OFFENSIVE, AND FOR THE PAST 7 MONTHS THEY HAVE COMMITTED ALL THEIR FORCES TO LAUNCH OVERT AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOUTH. IF A CEASE-FIRE IS TO TAKE PLACE, THIS MEANS A COMPLETE MILITARY DEFEAT FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS. DURING THE PAST 4 YEARS SINCE THE OPENING OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS ON VIETNAM, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE ALWAYS ADVOCATED NEGOTIATING WHILE FIGHTING AND WHILE WAITING FOR A MILITARY VICTORY. IF THE COMMUNISTS HAD NOT SUFFERED SERIOUS DEFEATS AND IF THEIR RANKS WERE NOT DISINTEGRATED, THEY CERTAINLY WOULD NEVER AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE. THEREFORE, IF A CEASE-FIRE TAKES PLACE IT MEANS A FAILURE FOR THE "FIGHTING WHILE NEGOTIATING" POLICY. PRESIDENT THIEU LET OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE KNOW THAT RECENTLY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS STEALTHILY PLEADED WITH THE AMERICANS TO ASK THEM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE FOR A CEASE-FIRE. HE AFFIRMED THAT A CEASE-FIRE NOW HAS BECOME A NECESSITY FOR THE COMMUNISTS. THEY NEED A CEASE-FIRE TO SALVAGE THE DECAY IN THE NORTH AND THE DISINTEGRATION OF THEIR 13 REGULAR ARMY DIVISIONS IN THE SOUTH, AND TO PREVENT THE DANGER OF THEIR COMPLETE COLLAPSE.

AS FOR OUR PRESIDENT, OUR GOVERNMENT, AND OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE, A CEASE-FIRE MEANS SUCCESS FOR US. IF WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FORCING THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS TO AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE, THIS MEANS WE HAVE DEFEATED THE COMMUNISTS' WAR OF AGGRESSION. IF THE COMMUNISTS WERE NOT DEFEATED, THEY WOULD NOT AGREE TO A CEASE-FIRE EASILY. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE'S LINE HAS BEEN TO FIGHT STALWARTLY AND VALIANTLY TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNIST WAR OF AGGRESSION AND COMPEL THE WAR-MONGERS TO STOP THEIR WAR ACTS. IF A CEASE-FIRE TAKES PLACE, THIS MEANS SUCCESS FOR THE COMBAT POLICY OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE.

EVEN THOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW CLEARLY THE DETAILS OF THE CEASE-FIRE WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE, WE CAN AFFIRM THAT SUCH A CEASE-FIRE MUST BE JUST, LOGICAL AND SUITABLE.

DURING HIS TALK WITH OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE ON 24 OCTOBER, PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU SAID THAT IF A CEASE-FIRE IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR LEGITIMATE AND UNCHANGED STAND, WE ARE READY TO AGREE TO IT. WE MUST BE THE ONES WHO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON SUCH A CEASE-FIRE. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED AND HAVE BEEN FORCED TO DEMAND A CEASE-FIRE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE SEEKING TO CONCEAL THIS, BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF LOSING FACE. AS WE HAVE DEFEATED THE COMMUNISTS, WE ARE THE MEN WHO WILL DECIDE. NO ONE HAS SACRIFICED HIS BLOOD AND BONES FOR US: THEREFORE, NO ONE CAN DECIDE ON OUR BEHALF. WE HAVE A JUST CAUSE. WE ARE WINNING, AND WE LOUDLY AND OPENLY MAKE KNOWN OUR LINE AND DECISION ON THIS CEASE-FIRE.

IN SHORT, IF A CEASE-FIRE TAKES PLACE, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE AT ALL IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ON THE CONTRARY, OUR CONSTITUTION WILL BE PROTECTED EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY AND OUR NATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS WILL BE APPLIED MORE STRICTLY, PARTICULARLY THE DECREE-LAWS NEEDED TO INSURE SECURITY AND ORDER AT THE PRESENT TIME. STANDING IN A DOMINANT POSITION RESULTING FROM THE STABILITY OF OUR REGIME, OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE ARE READY TO CHOK OFF ALL COMMUNIST SCHEMES AND SMASH ALL THEIR ACTS INTENDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A CEASE-FIRE. OUR DOMINANT POSITION IS EVEN MORE STRENGTHENED BECAUSE WE CLEARLY UNDERSTAND ALL THE COMMUNIST SCHEMES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A CEASE-FIRE. THE COMMUNIST SCHEMES AND TRICKS HAVE BEEN DENOUNCED TO PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME AND ABROAD. IN SECURING EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANS, WE CAN AFFIRM THAT A CEASE-FIRE IS FOR US A SUCCESS WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO ACHIEVE A JUST PEACE.

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